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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN
SEMINARS FOR JUDGES

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN SETTING
UP PROGRAM FOR SUMMER LEGAL TRAINING IN US OF SMALL GROUP
OF PORTUGUESE JURISTS. IDEA FOR PROGRAM RESULT OF LISBON
VISIT BY STAG PROFESSOR MONROE PAXMAN. END SUMMARY

1. STAF PROF. MONROE J. PAXMAN OF BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
PARTICIPATED IN EMBASSY-SPONSORED SEMINAR ON AMERICAN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE GIVEN BEFORE GROUP OF PORTUGUESE JUDGES.
AFTER SEMINAR, EMBOFFS DISCUSSED WITH PAXMAN POSSIBILITY
OF INVITING SOME PORTUGUESE JUDGES TO PARTICIPATE IN
SEMINARS IN US TO FAMILIARIZE THEM WITH AMERICAN PROCEDURES
AND HOPEFULLY ASSIST THEM IN SWEEPING REORGANIZATION OF
PORTUGUESE JUDICIARY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE SOON.

2. PAXMAN TOLD EMBOFFS THAT KEY TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR
JUDGES IS NATIONAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE JUDICIARY, WHICH
RECEIVES SOME FUNDING FROM LEAA. COLLEGE IS HEADED BY
DEAN WATTS OF UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAW SCHOOL.

3. PAXMAN ALSO SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH GLENN WINTERS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN JUDICATURE SOCIETY
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(1155 EAST 60TH, CHICAGO 60637) FOR SUGGESTIONS ON

TRAINING PROGRAMS AIMED AT IMPROVING JUDICIARY. HE ALSO SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH EDWARD MCCONNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS IN DENVER, COLORADO, WITH NATIONAL COLLEGE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND WITH ERNEST FREISSEN OF UNIVERSITY OF DENVER LAW SCHOOL, DENVER, COLORADO 30302.

4. PAXMAN INDICATED THAT AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OR NATIONAL COLLEGE OF STATE JUDICIARY WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO WAIVE ALL FEES FOR COLLEGE'S EXCELLENT SUMMER TRAINING COURSES FOR PERHAPS TEN OR TWELVE PORTUGUESE JUDGES. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE THIS AND, IF TRUE, AUTHORIZE US TO ASK MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO INVITE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE JUDGES TO PARTICIPATE. (WE ANTICIPATE THAT MINISTRY OR JUDGES THEMSELVES MIGHT BE ABLE TO COVER TRAVEL COSTS.) WE UNDERSTAND PERSONS DESIGNATED WOULD HAVE TO BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH. PORTUGUESE JUDGES ARE FREE FROM END OF JULY UNTIL FIRST OF OCTOBER SINCE COURTS ARE CLOSED DURING THAT PERIOD.

5. IN PORTUGAL, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO PERFORM FUNCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE CARRIED OUT BY AMERICAN PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS ARE EMPLOYED BY MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND HAVE QUASI-JUDICIAL POWERS. WE WOULD CONSIDER IT USEFUL FOR SOME SUCH PERSONS TO BE INVITED TO ANY SUMMER PROGRAMS OF NATIONAL COLLEGE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.
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